

**TOWN OF LA POINTE  
REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014  
5:30PM AT TOWN HALL  
Approved Minutes**

**Called to order** at 5:32pm

**Present:** Greg Nelson, Marty Curry, Jim Patterson, Ham Ross

**Absent:** Michael Childers

**Staff present:** Pete Clark, Kristian Larsen, Lisa Potswald

**Public Present:** Paul Brummer, Beth Fischlewitz, Ron Maddich, Max Paap

**I. Public Comment A\*:** None

Motion to move to agenda item V. C: Town Hall Administration, Introduction of New Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce Director, M. Curry/ H. Ross, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**V. Town Hall Administration**

C. Introduction of New Madeline Island Chamber of Commerce Director: Beth Fischlewitz of the Chamber introduced the new Chamber Director Max Paap to the Board. Director Paap spoke on his history as well as his desire to balance community and tourism.

M. Curry motions to return to agenda item II. Town Administrator's Report, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**II. Town Administrator's Report:** Presented by Administrator Pete Clark and placed on file by unanimous consent. Discussion included a Rice Street project meeting was held with the WisDot who are interested in doing a feasibility study of the project at no cost to the Town. This would cover the \$95,000 waiver that the Town would not have to pay back.

**III. Public Works**

**A. Roads**

1. Ice Road Maintenance: agreement with Nelson Construction for plowing and maintaining the ice road when needed. Motion to approve and authorize Nelson Construction for maintaining the ice road with the rates on the letter dated December 22, 2014, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**B. Parks**

1. Private Management of Big Bay Town Park Discussion: discussion on how the discussion is premature and to be tabled for future consideration after more information is available. The board also thought that this next season will be the first full season at the Park with the improvements and they would like to see how it goes before looking into other options.

**C. Airport**

1. Airport Manager's Report & Checklist: Motion to place on file, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**IV. Committees**

**A. Planning and Zoning:** Nothing at this time.

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## **B. Winter Transportation Committee**

1. Winter Transportation Updates: short update on meeting with Fraser Shipyards and the potential for them to build a new craft in the future.

## **V. Town Hall Administration**

A. Administrative Assistant's Report: Motion to place report dated 12/19/14 on file, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

B. Grant Updates: Presented by Lisa Potswald, discussion on a State appropriation for transportation alternatives for repairs/ replacement of the Windsled in 2016.

D. Attachment 'F' to 2014 Wage Resolution #2013-1226B: Increases Foreman wage \$.50/ hour for obtaining his Commercial Driver License (CDL). Motion to approve Attachment 'F' to 2014 Wage Resolution #2013-1226B, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

E. Wage Resolution #2014-1223: Motion to approve the Wage Resolution #2014-1223, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Discussion on how increases range from 0% to 11% and for reporting purposes, anything up to 1.7% increase is for cost of living, higher percentages for merit.

F. Budget Amendment Resolution #2014-5: postponed.

G. 2015 Fee Schedules: Parks and Zoning: H. Ross motioned to approve, then withdrew motion. Discussion on possible fee/ charge for parking at Big Bay Town Park, and whether to have an attendant, a pay machine, or just a donation or volunteer pay box. It is not legal for the Town to charge some people and not others, so it would have to be for everyone. Further discussion on how the parking fee would offset the cost of the park, but there is some opposition. But no objection to having a voluntary, donation based payment. Discussion on zoning fees for land disturbing activity. It was approved by the Town Plan Commission and will address issues of wetlands and act like a 'call before you dig'. There is also an addition of a service fee added to the County permits so the Town is receiving some revenue for permits in the shoreland areas affected by the Hegwood case since the county reduced reimbursement for Town Zoning Administrator performing county zoning activities. Motion to table the discussion of parking/ entrance fee at Big Bay Town Park, J. Patterson. H. Ross, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

H. 2015 Fee Schedule Resolution #2014-1223B: Motion to approve the 2015 Fee Schedule Resolution #2014-1223B that includes up to date fees for zoning as described above, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 3 Ayes, 1 Opposed (M. Curry), Motion Carried.

I. Maitland, Singler & Van Vlack, S.C. Audit Agreement: Motion to accept the audit agreement with Maitland, Singler & Van Vlack, S.C, which is the same company used in years past, H. Ross/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Supervisor Curry mentions that he would like have the utilization of money the Town expends on Room Accommodations Tax, for the Clinic, and the Library included in the future.

J. Future Insurance Quote Updates: Administrator Clark has contacted three companies that will submit quotes for insurance in the coming months.

## **VI. Vouchers**

Motion to move agenda item VI. Vouchers to the end of the meeting, J. Patterson/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

## **VII. Minutes**

A. Special Town Board Meeting, December 2, 2014: Motion to approve minutes as submitted, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 3 Ayes, 1 Abstain (H. Ross absent), Motion Carried.

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B. Regular Town Board Meeting, December 9, 2014: Motion to approve as submitted, H. Ross/ M. Curry, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

C. Special Town Board Meeting, October 30, 2014: Transcript: Motion to approve transcript as the minutes for the October 30, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 3 Ayes, 1 Abstain (H. Ross), Motion Carried.

### **VIII. Emergency Services**

#### **A. Ambulance Service**

1. Ambulance Director's Report: placed on file by Unanimous Consent.

#### **B. Police Department**

1. Hiring of a Part Time Officer: Police Chief Defoe would like to hire a part time officer to cover shifts so overtime is limited and all shifts are covered while others out for training, etc. Motion to allow Chief Defoe to hire Justin Gilbertson with the understanding that it is on a part time basis, he would have the 90 day probationary period, and the wage is \$17.00/ hour, J. Patterson/ H. Ross, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

### **IX. Library**

A. Library Board Minutes, November 13, 2014: Placed on file by Unanimous Consent, H. Ross abstains.

**X. Public Comment B\*\*:** Nothing

**XI. Lawsuits & Legal Issues:** Nothing at this time

### **XII. New Agenda Items for Future Meetings:**

A. Rice Street Feasibility Study

B. Winter Transportation updates

C. Big Bay Town Park

**VI. Vouchers:** Motion to approve vouchers in the amount of \$69,199.80, M. Curry/ J. Patterson, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried.

**XIII. Adjourn.** Motion to adjourn, M. Curry/ H. Ross, 4 Ayes, Motion Carried. Adjourned at 6:30pm.

Submitted by Micaela Montagne, Town Clerk.

Approved as submitted, January 13, 2015.